

**MINUTES  
CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015  
CANTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5:30 P.M.**

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in a special joint meeting with the Canton Joint Recreation District on December 2, 2015.

Attendees:

Board Members: Park Commission President - Andrew Black, Park Commission Member – Julie Sparks, Brian Skiles – CJRD Board Member, Ida Ross Freeman, CJRD Board Member, Don Peterson III – CJRD Board President, JR Rinaldi, CJRD Board Member

Staff Members Present: Park Director – Derek Gordon, Office Manager – Theresa Gang, Recreation Director – Greg Mytinger, Assistant Director - Dan Kunz

Community Members: Fred Campbell, Leon Cote, Pete DiGiacomo, Alison Matas – Canton Repository, Ed Rehfus – Canton City Schools, Dave Miday and Time Haverstock – J. Babe Stearn Community Center, Dean Gogolewski – Eric Snow YMCA, Tom Bernabei – Mayor Elect, Greg Hawk – Ward 1 Councilman, Christine Smith – Ward 4 Councilwoman, James Babcock – Council At-Large, Jim Griffin – Ward 3 Councilman, Robert Thompson – AFSCME Local 2937, Eric Resnick – Member Elect – Canton City Schools,

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by President Black.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Commissioner Black motioned to support a merge with the Canton Joint Recreation District. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously. (CJRD Board passed the same motion unanimously)
2. Commissioner Black motioned to support a 5 year, 5 mil levy to absorb the operations and funding of the Canton Joint Recreation District into the Canton Park Commission. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously. (CJRD Board passed the same motion with a vote of 3 – 1)
3. Commissioner Black motioned to seek Council approval for this levy to be placed on the March 15, 2016 primary election ballot. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously. (CJRD Board passed the same motion unanimously)

*Note\* - There were significant discussions between the Park Commission, CJRD Board, Councilmembers, and community members about the considerations of each motion. These discussions focus on points made within the attached presentation made by Park Director Gordon and Recreation Director Mytinger. The entirety of these discussions are memorialized in the enclosed audio CD.*

Commissioner Black motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

---

Andy Black, President

---

Derek Gordon, Director